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Subject: Notification: Southeast Chicago Air Report
Attachments: Southeast Chicago Air Quality Report October 2021.pdf

Alyssa:

Appreciate you chatting this morning. Please find the air quality report attached, and desk statement below. Feel free to reach out with any other questions.

Thanks,
Casey

Desk Statement:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is committed to improving air quality in southeast Chicago and addressing environmental justice concerns about disproportionate and cumulative impacts of air emissions from 250 regulated facilities located there. In April 2021, in response to residents' ongoing concerns about their air quality, EPA initiated an analysis of existing air monitoring data. EPA's *Southeast Chicago Ambient Air Quality Analysis* compiles the data in a format designed to inform the community about air quality where they live, work, learn and play.

EPA shared the report with the City of Chicago to help inform its assessment of the health impact of the Reserve Management Group's pending permit application. EPA's report compiles air monitoring data for several pollutants from two representative monitoring sites: George Washington High School (3535 East 114th Street) and South Water Filtration Plant (3300 East Cheltenham Place). EPA compared this data with data from other sites in and around Chicago.

EPA's report only covers monitored air pollutants, not other pollution indicators, and is not intended to provide a full evaluation of impacts in this community. Additionally, since there are a limited number of monitoring locations, ambient air monitoring networks cannot characterize all the variability that may exist across an urban area.

As EPA Administrator Michael Regan emphasized in his May 2021 letter to Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, EPA is committed to working collaboratively "to address our shared environmental priorities, advance equity and improve the health of all residents."